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CONFERENCE ON MICROBIOLOGICAL SPECIFICATIONS
FOR FOODS

1. THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAS INVITED
DR. AHMED EL-AKKAD, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
HEALTH, TO VISIT THE U.S., AUGUST 5-22, 1976, FOR
DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT PROJECT, MEET U.S.
SCIENTISTS AT (ED CDC, ATLANTA, AND NIH AND FDA IN
WASHINGTON; AND, MEET OFFICIALS STATE AND LOCAL
HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. ITINERARY WOULD INCLUDE
ATLANTA, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY.

2. CDC PLANS AUTHORIZE EL-AKKAD TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CATEGORY OF THE PROJECT
BUDGET TO THESE FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID TO
THE MOH PURCHASE AIR TRANSPORTATION AND FUNDS
FROM THE PER DIEM CATEGORY FOR EXPENSES IN THE U.S.
THE LATTER WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$700 \$35 PER DAY FOR
SIX DAYS IN ATLANTA; \$42 PER DAY FOR 4 DAYS IN
WASHINGTON; AND \$50 PER DAY FOR 5 DAYS IN NEW YORK

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3. DHEW/OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH BELIEVES THERE MAY

BE A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHICH AN

EGYPTIAN CITIZEN MAY TAKE OUT OF EGYPT THEREBY
MAKING THE USE OF PROJECT MONEY FOR ALL EXPENSES
IN U.S. IMPOSSIBLE. B-PLEASE ADVISE WHAT LIMITA-
TIONS EXIST AND WHETHER EL-AKKAD WOULD MAKE THE
CURRENCY CONVERSION. KISSINGER

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